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SUBJECT: SYRIAN NEWSPAPER STATEMENT RE MURDER OF JEWISH GIRLS

1. IN MARCH 15 ISSUES OF BOTH AL-THAWRA, OFFICIAL SYRIAN GOVERNMENT ORGAN, AND AL-BAATH, OFFICIAL BAATH PARTY ORGAN, THE FOLLOWING STORY WAS CARRIED CONCERNING THE RECENT MURDER OF FOUR JEWISH GIRLS, UNDER THE HEADLINE, "THE BAND WHO KILLED AND BURNED THE FOUR GIRLS IS ARRESTED."

2. QUOTE: THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR ANNOUNCED THAT DURING THE RECENT PAST A NUMBER OF CRIMES WERE COMMITTED WHICH POINTED TO THE EXISTENCE OF A BAND OF SMUGGLERS. THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATED THESE CRIMES AND SUCCEEDED IN ARRESTING THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE BAND: YUSIF SHALUH, THE LEADER, AND AZUZU ZALTA, BOTH OF THEM SYRIAN CITIZENS FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN DAMASCUS, AND HISHAM 'IZ AL-DIN AND MUHAMAD MUSTAFA LEYLA, SYRIAN MOSLEM CITIZENS. THE BAND HAD ITS HEADQUARTERS IN THE VILLAGE OF MADAYA, IN THE ZEBDANI REGION. AT THE INTERROGATION OF THE ARRESTED MEN, THEY CONFESSED TO A NUMBER OF CRIMES AMONG WHICH WERE THE SMUGGLING OF MONEY AND GOODS INTO THE COUNTRY, THE ROBBERY OF THE AGRICULTURAL BANK IN

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ZEBDANI, ATTEMPTS TO ROB A NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL HOUSES IN

DAMASCUS AND THE ROBBERY AND MURDER OF FOUR SYRIAN GIRLS.

3. HAVING COMPLETED ITS INVESTIGATION, THE SECURITY
AUTHORITIES HAVE REFERRED THE ARRESTED MEN TO THE SUPREME
STATE SECURITY COURT FOR TRIAL.

4. THE MINISTER CONTINUED HIS ANNOUNCEMENT BY SAYING
THAT DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A BAND IN THE STATE AND
DESPITE THE FACT THAT SIMILAR CRIMES HAPPEN DAILY
EVERYWHERE, THE ZIONIST MEDIA HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE
SITUATION AND HAVE STARTED A RABID CAMPAIGN IN ORDER
TO DISTRACT PUBLIC OPINION FROM ITS BRUTAL CRIMES AGAINST
THE ARAB CITIZENS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. END QUOTE.
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